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REPUBLICANS MUST WIN

"FIGHTING" TOM MARKS "LETS THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG" NEGRO DEMOCRATS RECEIVING MUCH PRAISE FROM WHITE LEADERS

LIBERIA

A LETTER FROM AMANDA MASON, A NATIVE OF LIBERIA, WHO IS A STUDENT AT WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY.

By Rucker Smith,
Wilberforce University, Wilberforce,
Ohio, February 1, 1920.

Yours of a few days ago came safely to hand and has been carefully read. In answer to your letter, kindly allow me to state that I am very glad to know that you are interested in Liberia and its welfare. I wish that more of the educated American Negroes would realize the fact, that the redemption of Africa depends upon the tiny Negro Republic, "Liberia." When Liberia shall have been developed and its influence felt throughout the continent, the "Black Man" shall come into his own. Africa is truly the land of beauty, wealth and prosperity.

The need of educated men and women in Liberia is great. Men and



MR. RUCKER SMITH.
A recognized authority on Africa in general and Liberia in particular.

women who have broad visions and strong personalities and are willing to give their last full measure of devotion for their fellowmen. Men and women who are educated along all lines; school teachers as well as preachers, agriculturists, mechanics, doctors, lawyers, in fact, every profession or trade can be put to use and is needed. I hope the eyes of a few will be opened and grasp this opportunity.

I shall answer your questions the best I can: The route usually to Liberia is: Take a ship from New York City to Liverpool, England, transfer there to another ship which lands at Monrovia, the capital of Liberia. Liberia had no railroads eight years ago when I left there, but I understand that now some are being constructed. The chief product is coffee, perhaps not the easiest secured. Palm oil, rice, and ginger are some of the products that modern methods of cultivation could develop extensively. Land can be secured without much trouble. Hon. C. B. O. King is President. He was inaugurated January 1, 1920.

No, the Liberian Government does not pay my expense. I am twenty-one years old.

Yours for Africa.

AMANDA MASON.

The above letter from Miss Mason is a reply to one I wrote her concerning Liberia. It is so interesting and to the point, I thought it deserved to be made public. Miss Mason devotedly loves her country; it is a land of beauty, of opportunity and an unadulterated freedom for her or any member of the Negro race who wishes to go there. The United States, in the establishment of the Colony of Liberia, which finally developed into a Negro Republic, paid in part, at least, for our enslavement and opened up a bright future for the Black race. The most perplexing question now is: "When shall we accept of it? It is certain, I think, that we shall some time embrace it in the future."

CHAS. GRIGGBY'S FUNERAL.

The funeral of Mr. Charles Griggbay, Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri was held in Liberty, Mo., last Sunday at 1:00 o'clock and was largely attended. Grand Master Crittenden C. Clark of St. Louis; Grand Secretary R. L. Hill of Booneville; Grand Warden Lacey of Kansas City; Grand Treasurer Walker of St. Joseph; Deputy Grand Master F. W. Dabney of Kansas City; Past Grand Master of Kansas City; Past Grand High Priest of St. Joseph and W. G. Moseley of Kansas City; Past Grand High Priest T. G. McCampbell; and Deputy Grand High Priest, A. L. Thomas of Jefferson City, Mo.; Past Grand High Priests, Geo. Broomfield, of St. Louis and Wm. H. Jones of St. Joseph; Grand Scribe Stephen A. May of St. Louis, Mo.; Grand King J. P. Moffitt of Sedalia, Mo.; Grand Secretary, E. S. Baker of Kansas City; The Emanuel and Far West Commanderies of Kansas City under command of Sir Clay Brassfield, Acting Eminent Grand Commander; Past Grand Master, N. C. Crews of Kansas City; Dr. Wm. J. Thompson, Supt., of General Hospital, Kansas City; Grand Tyler Geo. Hicks of Lathrop, Mo.; Grand Warden James Green of St. Joseph, Mo.; and many other prominent men and women of the fraternity were in attendance. Among the prominent ladies were Mrs. Scottie Dickens, Mrs. Janie Johnson, Mrs. Lucy Capps, and quite a few others whose names our reporter was unable to get. The ladies of the Eastern Star served a splendid luncheon to all visitors absolutely free of charge in the entertainment hall of the Masonic lodge building and at 1:00 o'clock the funeral cortege formed under the direction of E. G. Lacey, headed by Blackburn's famous Knights Templar band of 18 pieces who rendered excellent music led by the Commandaries of Kansas City and Liberty, then the Royal Arch and then the various blue lodges and was a most imposing procession. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Sanders & Moore of this city and for the first time in that city automobile hearse and carriages were used in a colored funeral, led by that premier driver with his beautiful \$4,000 Cole 8, Mr. W. H. Hubbel, which he drove over to Liberty at the earnest request of the Editor. Deputy Grand High Priest Thomas opened the services and after resolutions on behalf of the Grand Chapter, introduced Grand Master Clark of St. Louis who presided most acceptably and with dignity as Master of ceremonies. Addresses were delivered by S. A. May, Wm. Capps, Wm. H. Jones, T. G. McCampbell, W. G. Moseley, and N. C. Crews. Resolutions were presented on behalf of the Eastern Star by Mrs. Lucy Capps and on behalf of the Odd-fellows by Mr. Anthony Dickens. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. O. T. Reed of this city from the 38 verse of the 3rd chapter of Samuel "A Prince in Israel has fallen this day" and he delivered a wonderful discourse that elicited much praise from all who heard him. Music was furnished by the choir of the Baptist church where the services were held and the A. M. E. church and the Eastern Star. All in all the funeral services were in keeping with the high character and splendid services rendered by this distinguished fraternal.

"Rest in peace."

Allen Chapel's Popular Service.

At the beginning of the Popular Sunday evening services at Allen Chapel, commencing Sunday night the renowned Rev. J. W. Hulse, D. D., and his congregation of St. Stephen's Baptist church will furnish the program from 8:00 sharp to 9:00 o'clock. Sweet singing, fervent prayer and a straight from the shoulder talk from this popular pastor will be the program. Everybody invited to come.

Excellent music by Allen's Great Choir.

"LICKED."

In every contest in the various wards of the city during the past week, the Star and its political puppets have been "licked to a frazzle." The motto at all these meetings has been apparently to "put none but real Republicans on guard."

11th WARD REPUBLICANS NAME CITY CONVENTION DELEGATES

The regular Republican delegation from the Eleventh ward to the city convention was elected Monday night by the members of the Third club at a meeting at the court room of Justice Pollock, 3026 Troost avenue. A coterie of "anti-boss" independents tried to stem the tide of defeat by advancing the excuse that they had been unable to find fifty-three Republicans in the ward to go on an "anti-boss" delegation, although they had labored long and diligently.

They asked for further time to see if they could not meet with better success, but the several hundred men and women present were not in a further delay frame of mind and demanded that a vote be taken on the regular delegation, which was submitted in the form of a report from the minority faction of the committee that had been named on last Monday night to report back the names of the delegates to the club last night for approval.

At the meeting on last Monday night it is claimed that the anti-boss crowd packed it with outsiders and some of the committee of five who are in charge of the anti-boss campaign and put over a resolution that the ward should send an "anti-boss" delegation to the convention. The president of the club was inclined to rule that the report of the minority of the delegate committee was not in conformity with the spirit of the "anti-boss" resolution in view of the fact that Fred Richardson, a former alderman and holder of other city offices under Republican administrations, claimed that the club had no definite proofs that the delegates recommended were not "anti-boss."

"We want no delegates from the Eleventh that are not against Tom Marks," shouted Richardson.

This remark drew fire from men on the delegation who disclaimed any connection whatsoever with Marks, and denied that they were boss controlled. Fred Dabney, Nelson Crews and others cited that Richardson always had been "a boss" more exacting and tyrannical than Marks, and that he should be the last man to cry bossism.

The crowd was on its feet, loudly demanding a roll call on the motion to approve the minority report on delegates. The president of the club insisted on hiding behind the "anti-boss" delegation rule, and when the house was in an uproar it was a woman who brought order out of chaos. She was Miss Matilda Imhof, a school teacher.

"I move that we rescind the 'anti-boss' resolution of a week ago," she said. The crowd cheered. The motion was put and carried. Nelson Crews moved that the resolution be expurgated from the official records of the club. It was adopted and the report of delegates as recommended by the minority of the delegation committee was ratified. The delegation will be known as "The Regular Republican Delegation." The delegates:

W. W. Harnden, John N. Trout, E. J. Washer, Ross J. Ream, H. E. Barker, Phineas Rosenberg, E. L. Gamble, Charles Myers, G. C. Lee, E. E. Kratz, D. M. Vail, Jos. A. Stricker, Hugh M. Dockery, August Gantz, Herman Weisberg, Conrad Metz, Charles A. Barker, David Russell, Charles O. Smith, J. E. Heiser, A. E. Young, A. J. Shirk, C. W. Herold, J. Leicester, Frank Butler, Cash Harnden, H. R. Albright, M. D. Marshall, E. Carter, Rev. B. G. Dawson, George W. K. Love, W. G. Moseley, Enock Salisbury, S. J. Hopkins, R. P. Jackson, W. H. Haynor, S. W. Hightower, Harrison Williams, P. L. Pratt, Charles H. Countee, Lloyd Payne, Rev. David St. Clair, J. L. Kinney, Charles H. Calloway, Rev. J. Hall, D. A. Willis, R. L. Hopkins, G. W. Brown, M. D., C. A. Franklin, Nelson C. Crews, Fred W. Dabney, D. M. Miller, M. D.

The minority committee in making its report made this criticism of the "anti-boss" resolution:

It is not representative of the spirit of the Republicans of the ward in that it promotes those forces which apparently are seeking the destruction of the party.

"That the Republicans of Jackson County should determine and conclude whom they should support for president of the United States, and

what candidates they might prefer for state, county and city offices without outside interference of meddling on the part of agents, paid or otherwise, of various candidates, or the well-known 'non-partisan' press."

—Tuesday's Journal.

NEGRO DEMOCRATS COMPLIMENTED.

That the Negro Democrats are winning the confidence of the leaders of their party is evidenced by the attached letter published herewith and also by the fact that last Saturday at Snapp's hotel in Excelsior Springs Mr. J. J. Mattjoy and Dr. Howard M. Smith were honored with an hour's conference with His Excellency Governor Gardner who was so impressed

would prostitute his color for selfish gain.

Congressman Milligan desires to be particularly remembered to you Three Musketeers.

Most truly yours,
Ben M. Neale, Emmet Roy, J. L. Shepherd, F. T. Crowley, J. L. Milligan, Frank Armstrong.

THE BLACK INGERSOLL.

The World's Greatest Agnostic
Is there a God?
Startling Revelations.
Lyric Hall Sunday Night, February 29 and Concert 25 cents.



MR. J. J. MATTJOY.
The acknowledged leader of the Negro Democracy of Missouri, who is the idol of the white Democrats of the State.

with their manner and report that he promised to give them and their representatives at any time a hearing upon things affecting the Negro people of Missouri and assured them that their efforts in behalf of the Democratic party were highly appreciated by both rank and file of that party and significantly telling them that the Negro can never hope for a full man's chance in the political affairs of any community or commonwealth until he learns to intelligently divide his vote between all political organizations. Mr. Mattjoy, Dr. Smith, Col. Watkins, Chas. Mills and other leaders among the Negro Democrats are preparing for a big conference in the near future which will undoubtedly have much to do with the political situation in this state. The following letter speaks for itself:

February 17, 1920.

J. J. Mattjoy,
Committee-man, Fifth Congressional District Negro Democratic Organization of Missouri, Kansas City.

Dear Fellow Democrats:
The Third Congressional District Campaign Committee herewith knights yourself, Dr. Howard Smith and Lieutenant B. E. Watkins, as the Three Negro Musketeers. This is done as a compliment to the great services rendered by you three in the recent Third District Election. Your trio did much, and will do more, to prove to other members of your race that their true political home is the Democratic party, the only party that endeavors to free them from political slavery.

You Musketeers are doing much for the political uplift of your race. It is a commendation worth more than gold to write that you Democrats labored without price, even refusing your individual expenses. Compare this record with that of some base member of your race who turned a story into the opposition press to the effect that "roughneck negroes were imported and used in the Third District to stuff ballot boxes." Besides being idiotically silly, the story was dastardly mean. It could only be conceived in the mind of some member of your race who

"THY KINGDOM COME."

Washington celebration, Ebenezer A. M. E. Church, 16th and Lydia, Monday evening at 8 o'clock February 23, 1920.

Auspices Educational organization, Sunday School and Allen Christian Endeavor, Southwest Missouri Conference. Benefit. Western University Scholarship fund.

America Congregation Invocation Rev. W. T. Osborne Selection Ebenezer choir Introductory Word Mrs. Anna Roberts Address—"National Progress" Prof. Caswell Crews Junior Endeavor Chorus Solo Mrs. Jessie Novel Eulogy Mrs. Ona B. Wilson Music, Western University Orchestra Dramatic Reading Mrs. W. T. Osborne Reading, Dunbar Miss Florence Robinson Selection Ebenezer Choir Paper Mrs. Maude Jefferson Closing Remarks Ministerial Alliance Music, Western University Orchestra Rev. W. T. Osborne, Pastor.

CARD OF THANKS.

We, the family, wish to express our deep appreciation to all the kind friends who so kindly and helpfully lent a helping hand during our sad hour, the death of our beloved mother, Mrs. Carrie White Clark, who departed this life February 5, 1920.

We wish to extend special thanks to Rev. S. W. Bacote, who spoke so sweetly; his sermon sank deep in our hearts. Especially do we thank the Royal House and Grand Royal House of Missouri, Queen Beatrix Temple No. 82 for their condolences. We thank the many friends for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. C. H. Anderson,
Mrs. H. W. Christian,
Miss Zephyr White.

Daughters:
Tomie P. White, son,
Mr. S. C. Clark, husband,
Harrison Mills, brother.

TELEGRAM.

Lawyers Hueston and Calloway received a telegram as we go to press saying Dr. L. H. Horton formerly of this city, now of Dallas, Texas, was dangerously shot Wednesday night.

BUY A KEWPIE.

Buy a Brown Skin Kewpie doll, the Rice Brothers are still putting them out. What? Why the Brown Skin Kewpies, is that so. Haven't you one in your home yet? No, not yet, but I am looking for the places I can get one. Can you tell me where to find them? Why sure I will tell you. They are on sale at the Wood and White Drug Co., 19th and Vine; Peoples Drug Co., 18th and Paseo; Theo Smith Drug Co., 18th and Tracy avenue; Thompkins Pharmacy, 3rd and Troup, Kansas City, Kans.; Mrs. Hubbard's Millinery store, 1607 "A" E. 18th street; and by calling Main 2016 Bell phone you will get in touch with Mrs. Rice at 1015 Tracy who looks after all orders promptly. Now you can get these Kewpies at a reasonable price at any of the above places and on buying these dolls you will say you are pleased. Try them and see.

ATTENTION PARENTS!

We want a few more news boys and girls. Why not let your boy or girl make up a route and sell the Sun Friday evenings and Saturday. Many of our boys and girls are making from \$1.00 to \$3.00 each Saturday. Why not yours?

IMPERIAL POTENTATE COMING.

Mr. Caesar R. Blake, Jr., 33d Imperial Potentate of the Ancient Egyptian Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, will be in this city on Thursday, March 11, at which time he will make his official visit to Allah Temple No. 6 of this city. All members are requested to be present on that date.

D. C. HOUSTON, Imperial Deputy.

FIFTH ANNUAL DINNER.

The fifth annual dinner to the Clergy and principals of the various schools of the city, given by the senior girls of the Lincoln High school, was held last Thursday and was one of the most elaborate as well as enjoyable affairs witnessed by this institution. A booklet was placed at the plate of each guest, detailing in condensed form the activities of each one of the Colored schools of the city and of the night school and also other pertinent information that was very interesting to each of the guests present. The menu reflected great credit upon the young ladies as well as upon their instructors, Mrs. Sarah P. Goss and her assistant, and was as follows:

Menu.
Lincoln High School Cocktail
Chicken and Oyster Patties
Potato Nests
French Peas Asparagus Tips
Spring Maid Salad
Hot Rolls
Cafe Au Lait
Celery
Olives
Tutti Fruitti
Ice Cream
Mints

The young ladies composing the Senior Class are: Ella Mae Nelson, Clara Martin, Ellen Hoard, Lillie Frederick, Edna Turner, Ernestine Mae Wade, Ruth Washington, Caro-



DR. HOWARD M. SMITH
Superintendent of the Jackson County Home for Aged and Infirm Negroes, who with Mr. J. J. Mattjoy and Col. B. E. Watkins of St. Louis, constitute THE BIG THREE of Negro Democracy.

lyn Dudley, Octavia Rector, Mabel Grant, Anna Mae Gates, Edna Nix, Vuelta Green Fay Ritchey, Ruth Price, Victoria Simpson, Lillie Campbell, Mabel Winston, Correy Wright, Theresa Coleman, Arabazina Henderson, Fannie Reeves, Willie Belle Dixon, Helen Tolson, Robert M. Chin, Nancy Moore, Ophelia Cunningham, Audrey Curtis, Leila Smith, Estella Glasgow, Erna Parker, Jennie Walker, Roberta Conner Berneda Less Mozelle White.

Two minute addresses were delivered by Mr. O'Neill Mitchell, executive secretary of the Community Center; F. A. Harris, secretary of Y. M. C. A.; Rev. J. W. Hulse, pastor of St. Stephen's Baptist Church and president of the Interdenominational Alliance; Rev. O. A. Johnson, pastor of Clark Chapel and president Methodist Ministerial Alliance; Prof. W. H. Harrison, principal of Attucks school; Rev. D. A. Holmes, pastor Metropolitan Temple and president Baptist Ministerial Alliance; Mrs. H. O. Cook; Prof. M. H. Thompkins, principal Douglas school; Mr. C. A. Franklin, editor of the Call; Rev. John Goin, editor of the Western Messenger and Mr. N. C. Crews, Kansas City Sun.

So well pleased were the guests with the splendid service that it was suggested by Editor Crews that a silver offering be taken and presented to the young ladies of the class. It was presented in a most fitting manner by Editor Franklin. Principal Lee was specially happy in his foreword and in the introduction of the speakers and it is unanimously agreed that he is doing a wonderful work, both for the race and the city at Lincoln High. The invocation was by Presiding Elder W. H. Prince of the A. M. E. churches and the benediction by Rev. Dr. Bowren of the First Baptist church, K. C., E., while throat the evening excellent music was furnished by the Lincoln High School orchestra.

TRUE BLUE.
Thos. R. Marks never bolted a Republican nominee, can his detractors say so much?